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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Our Case No. MBHB 01-175-B)

In re Application of:

Donald M. Bellenger

Examiner: Phuongchau Ba Nguyen

Serial No. 09/245,442

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 24, 2002

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 24, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks. Furthermore, in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation, a redlined copy of Fig. 8 is attached herewith along with a proposed correction for Fig. 8. No new subject matter has been added to the present application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the paragraph in the same location:

Paragraph beginning on page 6, line 18:

The tag can be generated from a hash code generator, a pseudo random number generator, a shift register with a feedback loop, or some other type of tag generator. The tag generator may have a non-zero probability of generating the same tag from different inputs.

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